

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

MAY 3, 2009

Epistle Reading

Acts 6:1-7

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed;

you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Standing by the tomb the angel said to the Myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself stranger to death."

Apolytikion of the Church

The truth of your manner of life manifested you to our flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father Holy Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, entreating that our souls be saved.

Kontakion

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

Wisdom from the Fathers

They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest.

And these [the women] first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these were present.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 88 on Matthew 27
4th Century

Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gabriella and Viroel Andrews, Isabelle Lucas, Constantine Evangelinos and Faye Sekaros.

Parish News and Events (www.stnickaa.org)

Welcome Visitors!

Please fill out the form on the notepads in the pews and put it in the collection tray so we may welcome you to our Parish.

Visitors Please Note

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians. Visitors are welcome to receive the Antidoro (Blessed Bread), which is distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Prosforo needed for May 10, 17 and 31.

Fellowship Hour sponsor needed for Sunday May 24 and 31.

Greeters Needed "The Welcoming Program is in need of Greeters" for this important ministry. Greeters ensure that everyone passing through our doors and entering Christ's Church are welcomed and made to feel comfortable as being created in the image and likeness of God. As well, to get to know others in our parish we normally might not get to know—or make the time to know."

Please consider taking part in this program and volunteer by calling Penny Bekiars—662-6606 or Chris Kerry—665-6273.

Annual Food Drive

St. Nicholas Parish is beginning its Annual Food Drive to help those who are struggling in these hard economic times. Let us reach out to those who need our help. We ask that you bring only **non-perishable** food items and place them on the cart in the exo-narthex.

Outreach and Evangelism

We are in the first stage of forming a new ministry for our church, the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry. This ministry will first focus on two activities: 1) reaching out to all Orthodox Christians in the Ann Arbor area who are not attending church or participating in activities sponsored by the church, and 2) increasing our Community Service activities. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please call or see Chris Kerry (734) 678-4138, Nick Chapekis, Jr. (734) 368-2671, Rob Ashley, (734)904-4197 or George Michos, (734) 216-6840

Ya'ssoo Festival Flyers are available for parishioners to take. We ask that parishioners take some and distribute them in your neighborhood, stores et. Thanks for your help.

Philoptochos Notes

Annual Flower Sale of hanging baskets and flats going on now. Please keep this in mind for your homes. Pick up dates are May 16th and 17th. This is a presale so make your orders now. Order forms are available in the hallway or contact Perry Katsikas at 995-4766.

Meeting May 13th

Join us as we discover the secrets of "Los Dias de los Muertos" at our meeting May 13th. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Raphael. We will also be joined by Eleni Zaferes, president of the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos. Please make every effort to attend.

Philoptochos Hits the Streets May 16th.

Join our 5K walkathon benefitting the HIV/AIDS care and prevention services of the International Orthodox Christian Charities and the National AIDS Fund. Further information will be available. If interested please call Christina Vlahopoulos at 734-944-0504 or Katherine Yates at 734-424-0653.

Church School Notes

Thank you to all the students who helped raise the much needed funds for the O.C.M.C. Lenten program. If your child has not handed in his/her coin box, please do so as soon as possible.

Reminders:

Sun. May 17

Senior Recognition Day (**note date change**)

Church School Testing

Sun. May 30

NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Sun. June 14

Church School Graduation

Mon-Thurs. June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

J.O.Y. Game Nights

May

Friday, May 1 6:30-8:30

Friday, May 8 6:30-8:30

Friday, May 15 6:30-8:30

Friday, May 22 6:30-8:30

NO GAME NIGHT Friday, May 29th



Saint Nick Tiger Volunteers

We are doing 10 games again this year. The training sessions are no longer being done at St. Nicholas but at the ball park. We have reserved Saturday, May 9 for our group at Tiger Stadium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You may go down on your own or meet at the church at **8:30 a.m. sharp** to carpool (we leave by 8:45 a.m.) Parking will be in Lot 3 on the corner of Montcalm and John R. **If the parking attendant redirects you to another location, please follow their guidelines. We must be on time or we cannot attend this training session.**

G.O.Y.A.

Our meeting and get together for today is at the home of Irene Kitromelides, 6360 Edgewood Drive, Ann Arbor at 4:00 p.m.

Greek School

The Greek School General Assembly and P.T.O. Elections will be held in the Greek School classroom Sunday, May 17th after church. Parents of current Greek School students are encouraged to attend. Parents of children who will be in at least first grade in school in the fall are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Greek School and register for the fall.

Lost at the Church on Palm Sunday

White gold baptismal cross on a white gold chain with diamonds going down the cross. If you find the cross, please call the office, 332-8200. Thank you.

Spring Parish Assembly

The Spring Parish Assembly will be held on Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. Please see the list on the bulletin board for the Members in Good Standing.



YA'SSOO FESTIVAL MAY 29, 30 AND 31

Help Wanted

The Ya'ssoo Greek Festival is fast approaching and we need all the help we can get.

Please contact Pericles Chiatalas by phone at 734-673-6969 or email pericles@comcast.net or George Kokales by phone 734-216-6037 or email at gjk2159@aol.com to volunteer.

The Committee is asking for your help in raising money through soliciting sponsorships for the festival. In the past, one person has done this and it is a huge undertaking for one person. Therefore, we are asking you to pitch in and help with this most crucial area. **We are counting on YOU to help make this a very successful festival.**

Ya'ssoo Greek Festival Raffle Tickets are available. We need your support to sell 7,000 tickets for our debt reduction. Unbelievable prizes: One week in Greece for 2 or a week in Paradise, a villa in the Cayman Islands that accommodates 6, plus \$600.00.

To buy tickets or to pick up some to sell, please see Dr. K., Andreas Stathopoulos, any Parish Council Member or Kate.

G.O.Y.A. Festival Dance Practices Saturdays May 9 and 23 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Baking for St. Nick's Festival

Please call the chairperson if you can help with the baking. We need YOUR help!!

May 4, 5 & 6—10:00 a.m. —Koulourakia: Chairperson Lynn Papalambros—996-2846

May 11 & 12—10:00 a.m.—Kourambiethes: Chairpersons: Yianna Boutsikakis —944-9012 & Katerina Roumanis—665-3254

May 18, 19 & 20—10:00 a.m.—Baklava: Chairperson: Toula Prokos—668-7379

May 21 & 22—8:00 a.m.—Greek Yogurt: Chairperson: Vaso Panagoulas—662-8075

May 27—10:00 a.m.—Karithopita: Chairperson: Eleni Banos—662-7855

May 28—8:00 a.m.—Rice Pudding: Chairpersons: Maria Smyrnis—995-2806 & Dena Petropoulos—761-4509

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 3, 2009



HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY

UP-COMING EVENTS

A.H.E.P.A. Lamb Luncheon

12:30 p.m. H.O.P.E.
4:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A.

10:00 a.m. Koulourakia Baking

9:30 a.m. Bed Pads for Arbor Hospice
10:00 a.m. Koulourakia Baking
12:30 p.m. Senior Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Ya'ssoo Meeting
7:30 p.m. Y.A.L. Meeting

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7:00 p.m. Y.E.R.A.C.

11:00 a.m. Exercise Class
6:30 p.m. Game Night

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. G.O.Y.A. Dance

Orthros
9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM

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Creed
Greek

Sunday, May 3

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

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